

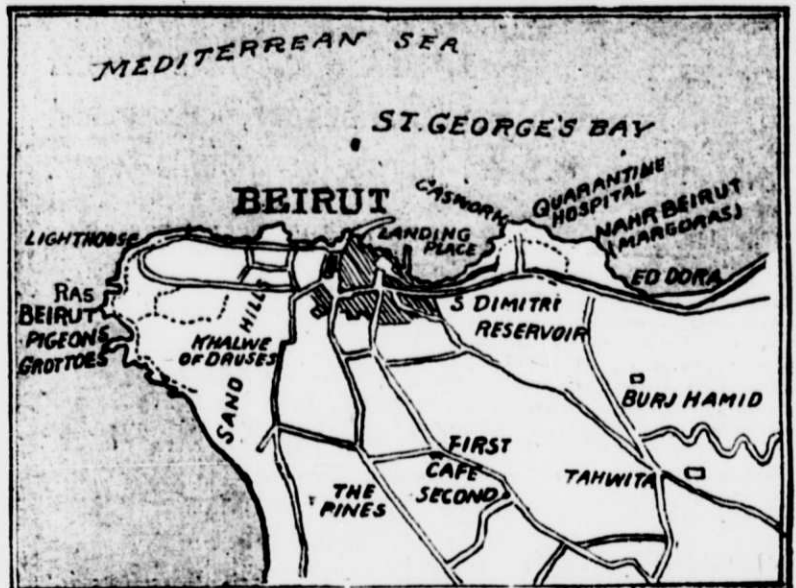
BEIRUT BOMBARDED;  
CITIZENS FIGHT TURKSItalian Attack Leads to Fierce Fight  
About Arsenal in Syrian  
Seaport.

## AMERICANS ALL UNHARMED

Other Turkish Coast Cities in Dread  
—15 Civilians Killed by Shell—Warships  
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mention of injury to Europeans or Amer-  
icans was made.A vigorous protest by the Powers  
against to-day's bombardment of Beirut  
by the Italian warships was predicted  
here to-night upon the receipt of messages  
saying that the firing was begun without  
the usual twenty-four hours notice.Half an hour after the Italian warships  
arrived a rain of shells was directed  
toward the city. Several Turkish gun-  
boats lying in the harbor were sunk.  
Sixty citizens were killed, but no loss ofMAPS SHOWING STRATEGIC RELATION OF BEIRUT TO THE TURCO-  
ITALIAN WAR AND THE BOMBARDED CITY WITH ITS SUBURBS  
AND HARBOR FACILITIES.

dents and employees are all safe.  
The Rev. Howard S. Bliss, son of the  
founder of the American Protestant  
College, is president and in actual charge  
of the work of the institution. There  
was consternation in the place when  
the Italian vessels opened fire. There  
was almost a panic among the inmates,  
but their fears subsided when it was dis-  
covered that the gunners were not aiming  
at the building.

A panic was caused also among the  
inhabitants of the city, the majority of  
whom are Christians.  
The latest reports say that the Italian  
fire killed fifteen civilians and wounded  
others. The Italian flotilla departed  
to-night. Other cities along the  
Mediterranean coast, it is feared, will  
be bombarded by the fleet during the next  
few days.

Following to-day's bombardment a  
rumor was circulated that Italian marines  
would be landed. The residents were  
thrown into a frenzy of excitement and  
attempted to storm the arsenal to arm  
themselves against an invasion. Turkish  
soldiers fired on the crowd and a pitched  
battle ensued, in which thirty persons  
were killed, including two Russians.

Foreign residents are incensed over the  
action of the Italians in failing to give  
twenty-four hours notice before begin-  
ning the bombardment in accordance  
with the rules of international warfare.

Protests will be made to all of the Powers.  
During to-day's engagement the Tur-  
kish corvette Avnillah and a torpedo boat  
steamed out of the harbor and engaged  
the enemy. Their obsolete guns were  
unable to make any impression on the  
modern warships. The torpedo boat was  
partly disabled by the Italian gunners  
and the Avnillah was set on fire, later  
sinking. The crew is said to have escaped  
in rowboats.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 24.—Official no-  
tice was sent to all the Powers to-night  
that the bombardment had been closed to  
investigation owing to the activities of the  
Italian warships on the coast of Syria.  
This was taken to indicate that the Gov-  
ernment feared an attack on the coast  
towns of European Turkey.

All Italians were ordered expelled from  
Turkey this afternoon and their property  
will probably be confiscated by the  
Government. According to a despatch  
from Beirut to-night the Ottoman Bank  
there was badly damaged by to-day's  
bombardment.

Turkish authorities here received  
word early in the day from Beirut that  
three Italian battleships had approached  
the entrance to the harbor to-day and  
bombarded the city for half an hour.  
The shells did considerable damage to  
the part of the town that lines the harbor.

The Italians apparently had a map of  
the city, because none of the shells fell  
anywhere near the foreign concessions.  
It is reported that the American College,  
the finest building in the city, was never in  
danger. No report was made of any  
casualties.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A Reuter despatch  
from Beirut says that sixty persons  
were killed in the bombardment of that  
city. The custom house and several  
harbor buildings were badly damaged.  
The populace, it is said, is fleeing from the  
city.

Several small Turkish gunboats were  
sunk before the bombardment began,

life was reported among the foreign  
inhabitants. Most of the Italian shells  
fell in the native quarter.

The warships arrived unexpectedly  
for the surrender of the Turkish gunboats.  
While the negotiations were pending  
the cannonading began. Instantly there  
was a wild panic in the city. Thousands  
fled to the hills, remaining there until  
the firing had ceased. It was reported to-  
night that the American Protestant College  
had not been damaged, but two-thirds  
of the city's population is foreign and the  
lives of hundreds of Americans were en-  
dangered.

The Italian commander declared to-  
night that his gunners aimed only at the  
Turkish gunboats. Unfortunately, he said,  
many of the shells went high and fell in  
the city.

Despatches from Constantinople say  
that the Porte is preparing a protest to  
the Powers against Italy's action in  
bombarding the city without giving the  
twenty-four hours notice required by  
international law.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—Although the Italians  
exercise strict censorship over war news,  
they are always anxious to use the press  
for their own purposes. A week ago  
a French news agency sent out a despatch  
to the effect that Italy had decided to leave  
Beirut alone owing to the cosmopolitan  
character of that port and that the Italians  
deplored the fact that the Turks were  
laying mines outside Beirut. This, it was  
said, was an inhuman menace to ship-  
ping and was unnecessary owing to the  
fact that Italy had decided not to molest  
the place.

Turkey thereupon caused the mines  
to be removed. The Italians found this  
out and when their warships steamed  
into the port to-day they found the mines  
had been beached.

The messages from Beirut, Syria, to-day  
say that three or more Italian warships  
bombarded that port. The action com-  
menced before noon and many shells  
burst in the town. The people are in a  
state of panic and are making their way  
into the country to get out of the range  
of warships.

TOTLON, Feb. 24.—The French cruiser  
Edgar Quinet has been ordered to proceed  
to Beirut to protect French citizens and  
interests there.

The bombardment of Beirut by the  
Italians is the first indication of their  
activity in the eastern Mediterranean  
practically since the first week of the  
Tripolitan war. It appears to be a part  
of a new plan of campaign. In a letter  
received recently by Henry Taylor of  
Montclair, uncle of Dr. Harry G. Dorman  
of the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut,  
which was dated about a month ago, a  
hint of impending bombardment or trouble  
from the Italians was given.

The fact was mentioned that a number  
of Italian merchants, of whom there are  
possibly 500 in town, were withdrawing  
from Beirut, having received word to  
be ready to get out on twenty-four hours  
notice. In the letter it was also said that  
business was much interfered with by the  
unrest in the town. This letter was written  
by Mr. Glocker, treasurer of the Presby-  
terian Mission Press in Beirut.

Dr. Stanley White, secretary of the  
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,  
said yesterday that his latest word from  
Beirut, letters of two or three weeks ago,  
told of the return at that time of numbers  
of natives to the city. They were flock-  
ing from the hills, to which there had been  
a general exodus in the earlier period

of the Tripolitan war, to escape a bom-  
bardment that was then feared.

No word of the reported bombardment  
has been received by Dr. White, by Dr.  
D. Stuart Dodge, president of the board  
of trustees of the Syrian Protestant  
College, nor by Theodore Dorman of  
Montclair, brother of Dr. Harry G. Dor-  
man of the college, who is in Beirut now.  
Dr. Dodge said yesterday that the  
members of the faculty and the students  
of the college would be in no danger  
from a bombardment, as the college is  
situated on a high promontory at the  
entrance to the bay a mile and a half  
removed from the native town. The  
school and mission compound, and the  
press of the Presbyterian mission, in  
which there are twelve American mis-  
sionaries, however, are located in the  
heart of the native city, and could hardly  
escape being in the line of the bomb-  
ardment. Dr. White said the Presbyterian  
board felt certain yesterday, however,  
that in their firing the Italians would be  
extremely careful not to touch the mission  
grounds.

Mr. Dorman said that there is in Beirut  
a considerable German commercial colony,  
whose shops and warehouses together  
with those of the French are scattered  
indiscriminately among the streets of  
the native city. Injury of the German  
property, Mr. Dorman thought, would  
bring strong protest from Germany.  
The distinction of being the most com-  
mercial city in Syria, he said, is a  
German mission. They also have a  
German hospital and Deaconess  
Home in Beirut, part of the plant of a  
German mission. They also have a  
German school. There is a French col-  
lege. There are thirty-eight Christian  
churches of various denominations.

Beirut is the most important commer-  
cial city in Syria. It has a good sized  
foreign population and a native popu-  
lation of between 50,000 and 75,000. It  
is not strongly fortified and the town  
garrison is a small one of about 500 in-  
fantry and 250 men of other arms.

The Syrian Protestant College shares  
with Robert College at Constantinople  
the distinction of being the most re-  
nowned missionary educational institution in  
the Near East. It was founded in 1864 by the  
Rev. Dr. Daniel Bliss, then secretary of the  
American Board of Commissioners  
for Foreign Missions of the Congrega-  
tional Church, and was the institution  
next to the American Museum of Natural  
History in which the first American stu-  
dents were educated. It is a Christian  
institution, but does not force Christianity  
on its students, as its 900 students com-  
prise besides Protestants, Catholics and  
members of the Greek Orthodox Church,  
many Moslems, Jews, Druses and men  
of other sects. Its faculty numbers about  
eighty, of whom thirty are foreigners,  
mostly Americans. It is situated 100 feet  
above the sea level on the promontory of  
Ras Beirut, overlooking the bay, and its  
fifteen large college buildings form an  
enclosed campus complete and thoroughly  
finished in scholarship and range of cur-  
riculum as the average American institution.

The Rev. Dr. Howard S. Bliss, son of the  
founder, is now the president. Dr. Bliss  
is well known to Brooklynites as the  
assistant pastor of Plymouth Church, under  
Dr. Lyman Abbott. Later he went to  
Montclair, where he was pastor of the  
Union Congregational Church, from which  
he went to Beirut to succeed his father.

On a recent visit in the United States Dr.  
Bliss made a number of addresses on the  
college and on educational work in the  
Orient.

The Presbyterian Mission maintains  
in Beirut a school for girls with 125 stu-  
dents. Its printing press publishes the  
Bible in Arabic and issues school books,  
tracts and a monthly bulletin. It printed  
40,000,000 pages of native and foreign  
books last year. There are twelve  
American missionaries in Beirut of whom  
the senior is the Rev. Dr. Samuel Jessup.  
The Rev. Franklin E. Hopkins is first ac-  
tary of the mission in Beirut. It has  
3,000 native communicants throughout  
Syria.

HAMMERSTEIN MAKING WAR.  
Wants 20 Shillings From Covent Garden  
for Song His Soprano Sang There.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
LONDON, via Glace Bay, Feb. 24.—The  
opening gun in the expected fight  
between Oscar Hammerstein and the  
management of Covent Garden  
Impresario. He sent a letter to the Co-  
vent Garden people demanding twenty  
shillings because Virginia Fer, one of his  
leading sopranos, sang selections from  
"Marian Lescout" at a concert last Sunday  
under the auspices of the old opera man-  
agers.

Mr. Hammerstein threatens to bring  
proceedings if the bill is not paid.

TURKS BID FOR PEACE AT HOME.  
Promise \$1,125,000 for Public Works in  
Troubled Albania and Macedonia.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 24.—The Govern-  
ment has granted \$250,000 Turkish, or  
\$1,125,000, for the building of public  
works in Macedonia and Albania.

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WITH YUAN AND TANGConferences Begin To-day to Settle  
Pekin and Nank n Points  
of Difference.

## LOAN URGENTLY NEEDED

Foreign Bankers Consider Perils of  
Granting or Refusing—Pac-  
ifying Canton.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
PEKIN, Feb. 24.—The future peace of  
China and the chances for the success of  
the republic depend to a great extent  
on the coming conferences between Tang  
Shao Yi and Yuan Shih Kai. These con-  
ferences are appointed to begin to-mor-  
row.

A satisfactory settlement of the out-  
standing questions is generally expected.  
If this is brought about the reorganization  
of the Government, a tremendous task,  
will no doubt proceed smoothly.

The finances of the country are in a  
critical condition and a speedy loan is  
essential for the preservation of peace.  
The soldiers who have fought for the  
republic have not been paid and it is  
necessary for them to receive recom-  
pense in order that new troubles may not  
break out.

Bankers, including the foreign four  
Power group, made up of Americans,  
French, British and German financiers,  
are discussing the question of the loan.  
Under the necessarily hazardous circum-  
stances in which it would be made a loan at  
the present time would entail liberal  
foreign control over the Chinese revenues.  
The people must make up their minds to  
accept this condition as a sine qua non of  
any loan, no matter how distasteful it  
may be to them.

Foreign supervision of certain projects,  
however, was one of the causes of the  
present revolution, and therefore there is  
a danger to the new Government in any  
deal which involves similar supervision.  
So the question of a loan presents a pretty  
dilemma. It is all but imperative to  
make one, yet one cannot be made with-  
out risk to both borrower and lender.

HONGKONG, Feb. 24.—The new Govern-  
ment is doing its best to suppress dis-  
orders in the southern provinces. Thieves  
are shot daily in Canton, and the Govern-  
ment is building motor boats to patrol  
the rivers and put down river pirates.  
The boats are equipped with quick firing  
guns, and their crews with Mausers.

Canton is demanding the appointment  
of a brother of Sun Yat-sen as Governor,  
but the appointment is regarded as un-  
favorable to the north.

The wife of a Canton officer who died  
vowed at his deathbed that she would fill  
his place. When she was rejected be-  
cause of her sex, soldiers who had served  
under her husband started a mutiny.  
Ten of them were shot.

VALPARAISO, Feb. 24.—The American  
Red Cross Society forwarded \$6,000 to  
agents in China to-day for famine  
relief. This makes a total of \$27,000  
forwarded since the national appeal  
issued by President Taft in January.

The general political conditions in  
China, particularly in the Shanghai and  
Nankin district controlled by the new  
republican government, appear to be  
rapidly improving. Rear Admiral Mur-  
dock, commanding the Asiatic fleet,  
who is remaining at Wu-sun with his  
command, reports that it is now believed  
Yuan Shih Kai will soon consent to go to  
Nankin to be inaugurated as President.  
Yuan apparently prefers to have the event  
take place at Pekin, but the republicans  
desire to have it at Nankin and attach  
great importance to the matter. A dele-  
gation headed by Dr. Wu Ting-fang and  
Tong Shao Yi was recently sent to Pekin  
to act as a special escort.

BELEATED WASHINGTON PARTY.  
Lyceum Club of Women Hold Celebra-  
tion in Paris.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
PARIS, Feb. 24.—The Lyceum Club,  
an organization of women, had a beleated  
celebration of Washington's Birthday  
to-day. It was impossible to hold it on  
Thursday, as the fête salon was occu-  
pied on that day.

Mrs. Mason, wife of the American Con-  
sul-General, received the guests as pres-  
ident of the American group.

## ABODE OF LOVE FOR NORWAY.

Smyth-Piggott, Unrocked Cleric and  
Founder of Sect, Deserts England.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Rev. J. Hugh Smyth-  
Piggott, the self-styled Messiah who was  
unrocked by the Church of England three  
years ago for blasphemy and immor-  
ality, has announced his intention of quit-  
ting England and settling in Norway.

Smyth-Piggott has been for years the  
head of a notorious religious community  
which occupied an establishment known  
as Agapemone, or the Abode of Love, in  
Somersetshire, England. He was wor-  
shipped by his followers. His teaching  
was that the ordinary rules of morality  
were not binding upon those to whom  
spiritual light had been given.

The sentence of expulsion from the  
Church of England was pronounced  
against him by the Bishop of Wells after  
he had been tried and found guilty by an  
ecclesiastical court on the charge of  
immorality.

## FIFE'S REMAINS IN ENGLAND.

Princess Royal and Daughter Accompany  
Duke's Body From Egypt.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
PORTSMOUTH, Feb. 24.—The British  
cruiser Powerful arrived here this morn-  
ing with the body of the late Duke of  
Fife, who died on January 29, at Assouan,  
Egypt, from pleurisy and congestion of  
the lungs caused by exposure on Decem-  
ber 13, when he, the Princess Royal and  
her daughters narrowly escaped drown-  
ing in the wreck of the liner Delhi, off  
Cape Spartel, Morocco. The body was  
accompanied from Egypt by the Princess  
Royal and her two daughters.

King George, Queen Mary and Queen  
Alexandra met the vessel at Portsmouth,  
and accompanied the widowed Princess  
to Windsor. The body was taken to the  
Chapel Royal there, where a funeral ser-  
vice will be held before it is taken to  
Scotland for burial.

DENIALS FROM SEOUL.  
Japanese Government Has Not Arrested  
American Missionary in Corea.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
SEOUL, Feb. 24.—The Japanese Govern-  
ment issued a denial to-day that George Erckmann,  
an American Presbyterian missionary,  
has been arrested by the Japanese author-  
ities in Corea.

A story had a wide circulation to the  
effect that Mr. Erckmann had been ar-  
rested charged with implication in a plot  
to assassinate the Governor.

MOSLEMS MURDERED.  
Great Anger at Salonica Over Outrages  
by Bulgarian Bands in Macedonia.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Times in a de-  
spatch from its correspondent at Salonica  
says this morning that the continued  
murders of Moslems by Bulgarian bands  
have angered the Turkish people and that  
the situation has become very dangerous.  
It will be very difficult to avoid mass-  
acres unless the Turkish Government acts  
promptly.

DAUDET JABS A CRITIC.  
Literary Duel in Paris Results in a  
Scratch, but No Love Feast.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
PARIS, Feb. 24.—Leon Daudet, a satirist  
of note and son of the late Alphonse Dau-  
det, the famous French novelist, fought  
a duel to-day with rapier with Pierre  
Mortier, editor of Gil Blas. The contest  
was called off when Daudet's sword  
scratched Mortier's arm, but the editor  
refused to be reconciled.

The affair was caused by Mortier's  
criticism of Daudet's literary works.

OLIVE MAY DENIES BELGOOTH.  
Special Wireless Despatch to THE SUN.  
LONDON, via Glace Bay, Feb. 24.—Olive  
May, the Gaiety actress, denies the pub-  
lished report that she is to marry Lord  
Victor William Paget, the brother and  
her presumptive of the Marquis of An-  
glesey.

PEASANTS FROZEN IN SIBERIA.  
Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
LONDON, Feb. 24.—A Reuter despatch  
from St. Petersburg says that 168 peasants  
have been frozen to death at Omak and  
Petrovavlovsk, Asiatic Russia.

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## FUNERAL OF C. GORDON CLARK.

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Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
PARIS, Feb. 24.—The funeral services  
over the late Charles Gordon Clark of New  
York, a wealthy American of fine culture,  
who died during the week at the age  
of 90, were held to-day in Trinity Church  
and were largely attended. Mr. Clark  
spent most of his time in Europe and

well known for his philanthropy, al-  
though he did not seek notoriety in this  
respect. He was a member of many clubs  
and was welcomed in the best society  
of Paris.

Representatives of the British and  
American embassies and many personal  
friends were present. Among the latter  
were Gen. Winslow, the Duc de Loubat,  
the Duc de Vallambrosa, the Marquis  
de Mores and Henry Sands.  
The body was buried in the family vault  
in the Pere-Lachaise Cemetery.